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#### GETTING BACK HOME.

"The best part of going away from home," this writer remarked in these columns a good many years ago, "is getting back again." And he has never returned from any journey small or great, when he has not felt, if he did not say, the same thing. It is particularly true at this time, when to get back home is to come again into the full tide of a splendid prosperity, and to see and hear on every hand the evidences of a growth and progress such as only Iola, of all the towns in the State, can furnish.

The past five weeks have been the "dog days," the dulllest in the year ordinarily, when those who remain are supposed to relax their energies and suspend their labor and enterprise to the last degree. And yet during those past five weeks changes have been made in Iola which make the returning absentee stare in wonder. Business buildings which were at the foundations when he went away are now ready for the roof. The great new school house, which was a hole in the ground five weeks ago, has now reared its massive walls to the first story, giving promise of the splendid proportions it will assume when completed. At the old smelters new blocks of furnaces have been constructed. Contracts have been made for three new smelters and work is beginning on them. Three new gas wells have been opened, each of them crowding the 10,000,000 mark. New residences have gone up in every direction, and new enterprises of great magnitude are just coming in sight. Truly the "dog days" for once have belied their name and the past five weeks have been among the busiest rather than among the dulllest Iola ever saw.

And now for the future!  
The first thing, of course, is the Log Rolling. One has to get outside of

Iola to get a fair appreciation of what an immense thing this is going to be, and there is danger that our people, in spite of all that has been said, will underestimate the task they have undertaken. Every day makes it more certain that the crowd that will gather here September 1 will be something stupendous. Nominal rates on all railroads, enabling the people to come to Iola cheaper than they can stay at home, the fine reputation of our town as the liveliest city in Kansas, the wide curiosity to see a display of the natural gas which has made the town famous,—all these things, together with the natural disposition of Americans to "go somewhere," to follow the crowd and to have a big time, will bring to Iola on September first practically the entire population of every town, within fifty miles of here. It means the assembling here of at least 20,000 and probably 25,000 people.

And these people will not all get away in a day. The special trains are billed to leave at 10 o'clock p. m., but who believes that 20,000 people can be taken away from Iola in an hour? A very considerable proportion of those who come on Thursday will be here Friday for breakfast.

These visitors must be taken care of and entertained. They must have plenty to eat at reasonable prices, and plenty of water—to drink. Every citizen of Iola must constitute himself a committee of one to serve the city's guests as if they were his own so far as that is possible. And in order that this may be done to the greatest possible extent, the REGISTER would suggest that the local committee of managers designate some badge,—probably the badge of the Commercial Club would answer the purpose,—which may be worn by every Iola man, so that visitors may know to whom they may apply for information or assistance. The committee having the matter in charge have labored, and are laboring, with unremitting zeal to make the event a success, and they deserve and will have the loyal co-operation and support of every citizen of the town. It will take the utmost effort of all of us to win the success which must crown the day.

#### And then the Fair.

With two or three of the Fairs in neighboring counties abandoned; with a premium list much more attractive than ever; with an exceptional season for the growing of nearly all farm products; with a program including the brightest orators of the State and Nation, and with a reputation maintained for five successive and successful years of meeting every obligation, the Fair Association certainly has a right to expect a repetition of the triumphs of former years.

And then there is the Rapid Transit Line. It is probably impossible to do anything with it until these other matters are out of our way. But that is the next great enterprise to be pushed to successful completion, and the REGISTER hopes to see it in operation before the winter snow flies. With the completion of that road, Iola's future, already assured, is made doubly certain. After the Log Rolling and the Fair, the Rapid Transit is the next big thing to be pushed along.

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#### THE WAR GOVERNOR.

K. C. Journal.  
Governor Leedy, at the Valley Falls meeting: "I would not have said this much if the war was not over. While it was in progress I remained silent and stood the insults heaped upon me because I deemed it my duty to uphold the President."

Governor Leedy, at the Populist State convention (during the war) in his great act of remaining silent and unholding the President: "Gentlemen

of the convention, I stand here to tell you that the dilly-dally policy being pursued by President McKinley is a contemptible plan to continue the war until after the next election with the hope of again being placed in power on the strength of his war record."

AMONG the piles of letters accumulated in this office during the past month is one from Gov. D. W. Finney, inviting the editor of this paper to attend and address the Old Settlers' Reunion being held at Neosho Falls Thursday and Friday of this week. It is a matter of sincere regret to us that an accumulation of business already too long neglected makes it impossible to accept an invitation that is most highly appreciated. The hospitality of the people of Neosho Falls makes these annual gatherings of the pioneers a genuine treat to all who attend, and one who has been present at one meeting will never willingly miss another. The REGISTER extends greeting and congratulation to the good men and women whose strength and patience and courage have tamed the wilderness and made it one of the fairest gardens upon the footstool.

Lawrence Journal: Come home, boys, come home, and when you get here make a determination to so vote in future that should another war come, our State will be in position to demand, and get, at least sufficient recognition to prove that you are as patriotic as the soldiers from any other state and any other country.

It is too bad that the committee should have chosen September 1 as the date for the opening of the Republican State campaign at Lawrence. Nearly everybody in eastern Kansas will be at Iola that day to attend the Woodmen Log Rolling.

AMONG Kansas editors men may be found to turn a hand to almost anything. Geo. W. Martin (not the red-headed one) has lately sold the Ft. Scott Lantern to accept the chair of Greek in the Winfield college.

#### Bring Your Dinners.

The REGISTER strongly urges all who come in from the country to attend the Log Rolling next Thursday to bring their dinners. Iola will have 20,000 strangers to feed and the home people must help her out by taking care of themselves.

#### PREPARING THE GROUNDS.

Riverside Park is being put in first class condition for the Log Rolling and the Fair.

The REGISTER has kept a pretty close count on the preparations being made uptown for the big events of the first part of September. The public Park will be in excellent condition, and shade and water will be in abundance, while the band stand is ready for an evening band contest.

The streets all over town are being cleaned up and the weeds cut, giving the whole town an appearance of neatness and care which can only be surpassed by pavement and curbing.

At Riverside Park many changes and improvements are being made. The bridge at the entrance to the park is being replaced with a new one wide enough to allow the stream of incoming teams to pass those coming out. The judges' stand is being rebuilt, new seats placed in the grand stand, a new row of stalls built to replace those burned down last year, sheds, stock pens and all the various buildings required for an exhibit of stock and fruit. Water pipes have been laid over the grounds from the Santa Fe tank mains, according to the agreement with that company, and plugs will be on every corner, furnishing an abundance of stock water.

The race track is in perfect condi-

tion and will be cared for from now on so that the horsemen may not be disappointed. The Iola track has always been pronounced by horsemen to be naturally one of the best on the circuit, provided it were cared for, and this year it is receiving the proper care.

In short the Fair managers and the Woodmen committee are working together and both the fair and the log rolling will receive a share of benefit from this co-operation. Plenty of shade in beautiful parks, plenty of water for both men and beasts, plenty of amusement such as can be furnished only by a town with an immense supply of natural gas, such are the promises made to visitors for the big events, and they are all going to be fulfilled.

#### THEIR INTERESTS ARE THE SAME.

One LaHarpe Man's Sensible View of the Relations That Should Exist Between Iola and LaHarpe.

"As far as I am concerned," remarked Charlie Wilson, the owner of a 320-acre farm about a mile from LaHarpe, in this office the other day, "I feel under great obligation to the public spirited and pushing citizens of Iola whose money and pluck and perseverance demonstrated the fact that Allen county was the best Natural gas field in the world. I have 160 acres of land in the gas belt that I will not take less than \$100 an acre for. Three years ago I would have been glad to sell it for less than half that. Why shouldn't I feel friendly to the men who have doubled the value of my property without a cent of expense to myself? And the men of Iola did it. There wasn't any talk of boring for gas anywhere else in Allen county that I remember of until gas had been struck at Iola, and if Iola had got discouraged and quit without finding it the chances are that it never would have been found at LaHarpe or anywhere else. So if Iola does forget sometimes and claim a well that is a good ways out I haven't any kick coming. And I think the old settlers on my way feel the same way as I do about it. We are all interested in LaHarpe, of course, but when we see what LaHarpe is now and remember what she was before Iola struck gas, we do not feel as if we had any call to fight Iola. It strikes me that the interests of the two towns are identical instead of antagonistic, and that the thing for them to do is to pull together and make one great big city."

To all of which the REGISTER says "Amen!"

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